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#### **MAMMOGRAPHY QUALITY STANDARDS ACT AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Mammography Standards Act of 1992, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the authority for the regulation of mammography services and radiological equipment, after receiving testimony from D. David Dershaw, Cornell University Medical College, Ithaca, New York, on behalf of the Society for Breast Imaging; Diana Rowden, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation; and Leonard Berlin, Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois.

#### **CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to examine S.J. Res. 1, proposing an

amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, after receiving testimony from Representative Royce; Viet D. Dinh, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; Collene Thompson Campbell, California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, San Juan Capistrano; Steven J. Twist, National Victims Constitutional Amendment Project, Phoenix, Arizona; James Orenstein, Fordham University and New York University, New York; Earlene Eason, Gary, Indiana; Duane Lynn, Peoria, Arizona; and Patricia Perry, Seaford, New York.

#### **SERGEANT AT ARMS/LOC/CRS**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the operations of the offices of the Sergeant at Arms, Library of Congress, and Congressional Research Service, after receiving testimony from William Pickle, Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, and Alfonso E. Lenhardt, former Sergeant at Arms of the Senate; James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; and Daniel P. Mulholland, Director, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, each were accompanied by several of their associates.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 1659–1680; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 141–142, and H. Res. 182–184, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1528, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service, amended (H. Rept. 108–61);

H.R. 1297, to require the construction at Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial to the crew of the Columbia Orbiter (H. Rept. 108–62 Part 1);

H.R. 658, to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission, amended (H. Rept. 108–63 Part 1);

H. Res. 181, providing for consideration of H.R. 1036, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others (H. Rept. 108–64); and

H.R. 1644, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, amended (H. Rept. 108–65 Part 1).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simmons to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**United States Capitol Preservation Commission:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Young of Florida and LaTourette to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

Later, read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she announced her appointment of Representative Fattah to the commission. **Page H2869**

**Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations—Go to Conference:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H2870–72**

Appointed as conferees: Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Regula, Lewis of California, Rogers of Kentucky, Wolf, Kolbe, Walsh, Taylor of North Carolina, Hobson, Istook, Bonilla, Knollenberg, Kingston, Frelinghuysen, Obey, Murtha, Dicks, Sabo, Mollohan, Kaptur, Visclosky, Lowey, Serrano, Moran of Virginia, and Edwards. **Page H2877**

Agreed to Obey motion to instruct conferees to recede to the Senate on section 409 of the Senate amendment providing 26 weeks of additional temporary extended unemployment compensation for displaced airline related workers by ye-and-nay vote of 265 yeas to 150 nays, Roll No. 112.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Nutria Eradication and Control:** H.R. 273, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland and Louisiana (agreed to by  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 113);

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**Payment of Environmental Reviews by the Department of Agriculture:** H.R. 108, to amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act (agreed to by  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 114);

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**McLoughlin House National Historic Site:** H.R. 733, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, and to administer the site as a unit of the National Park System;

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**National Small Business Regulatory Assistance:** H.R. 205, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns ( $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 116);

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**Systematic Human Rights Violations in Cuba:** H. Res. 179, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the systematic human rights violations in Cuba committed by the Castro

regime, calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners, and supporting respect for basic human rights and free elections in Cuba (agreed to by  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay” with 11 voting “present”, Roll No. 117); and

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**Clean Diamond Trade Act:** H.R. 1584, amended, to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds (agreed to by  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 2 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 118).

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**Suspension Proceedings Postponed:** Further proceedings on the following motions to suspend the rules debated today were postponed until Wednesday, April 9.

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**40th Anniversary of the Sinking of the USS Thresher:** H. Res. 170, Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the sinking of the USS *Thresher*; and

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**Condolences on the Assassination of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic of Serbia:** H. Res. 149, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives in response to the assassination of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic of Serbia.

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**Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act:** The House passed S. 380, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service by ye-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 115—clearing the measure for the President. H.R. 735, a similar House passed bill, was laid upon the table.

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Waxman amendment No. 1 (to H.R. 735, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service) printed in the Congressional Record of April 1 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike provisions requiring the Postal Service to pay retirement benefits attributable to prior military service.

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The bill was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of the House of April 7.

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**Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention:** The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Mr. Michael J. Mahoney of Chicago, Illinois to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for a three-year term.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H2865.

**Referrals:** S. 164, S. 212, S. 278, S. 328, and S. 347 were referred to the Committee on Resources. S. 220 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2877, H2878, H2878-79, H2909, H2909-10, H2910-11, and H2911. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Special Security Events. Testimony was heard from Ralph Basham, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security.

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued hearings on NIH. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services, NIH: Elias Zerhouni, M.D., Director; Raynard Kington, M.D., Deputy Director; James Battey, M.D., Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; and Francis Collins, M.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute; and Thomas Insel, M.D., Director, National Institute on Mental Health.

### VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, NASA.

### SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003.

### DESIGNING 21ST CENTURY MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Designing a Twenty-First Century Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CHECK CLEARING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 1474, Check Clearing for the 21st

Century Act. Testimony was heard from Roger W. Ferguson, Vice-Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

### HOMEOWNERSHIP THROUGH DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Promoting the American Dream of Homeownership through Down Payment Assistance." Testimony was heard from Mel Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

### ONDCP REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "ONDCP Reauthorization: The High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program and CTAC." Testimony was heard from Scott Burns, Deputy Director, Office of State and Local Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Roger Guevara, Chief of Operations, DEF, Department of Justice; Christy McCampbell, Chief, Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, Department of Justice, State of California; Wayne Wiberg, Commander, Narcotics and Gang Investigation Section, Police Department, Chicago, Illinois; the following officials of the State of Maryland: Lt. Col. Steve Moyer, Chief, Homeland Defense/Intelligence Bureau, State Police; and Anthony Romano, Chief, Organized Crime Division, Baltimore Police Department; Ron Burns, Chief, Lakewood Police Department, State of Colorado; and Peter Modafferi, Chief of Detectives, Rockland County, District Attorney's Office, State of New York.

### CALIFORNIA'S ELECTRICITY MARKET

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "California's Electricity Market: Refunds and Reform." Testimony was heard from Patrick Wood III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT—CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled "The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Federal Government for Fiscal Year 2002." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Linda M. Springer, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

### CYBER SECURITY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled